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Furman alumni news

Volunteer work strengthens bonds

My recent volunteer work at Furman has provided a perfect opportunity to rekindle my Furman connection and to feel a part of all the great things that are happening at the university.

I graduated from Furman in 1995 and just a few short months later married Suzanne Cioffi '94. But throughout college and my first few years of marriage, I rarely thought about volunteering or doing much outside of career and marriage.

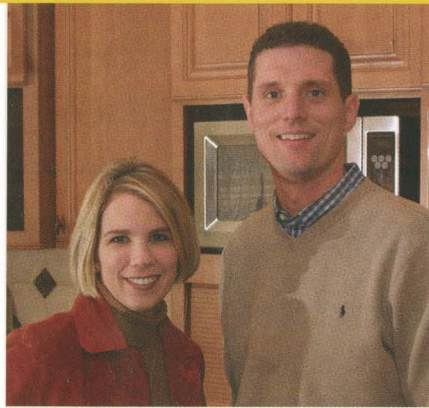
Almost five years ago we started a family; we currently have two wonderful boys, Jack (4) and Graham (1). When Jack was 2, I began looking for ways to become more involved in volunteer activities.

I attended a program sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce called Opportunity Greenville, which introduces you to the city's history, government and non-profit efforts. I learned a lot, but I was also overwhelmed by the hundreds of organizations in Greenville County. I had no idea who needed help most or where my talents could best be utilized. So I did what most people do — I waited for something to come to me.

Soon thereafter, Suzanne and I attended a Boston Pops concert (featuring Keith Lockhart '81 as conductor). There we ran into Furman president David Shi. After catching up, I asked him how I could become more involved with Furman. His eyes lit up!

The next day I received an e-mail from Tom Triplitt, director of the Alumni Association, offering a host of possibilities. The result: I have worked with the Young Alumni Council, Annual Giving Council and Alumni Board, and Suzanne works with the Young Benefactors.

We have thoroughly enjoyed reconnecting with Furman.



A major benefit has been the opportunity to meet so many alums from different cities and different years, ranging from 1930 to 2005, and to hear their stories about their Furman days.

More significantly, we have developed a better understanding of the overall mission and direction of the university, and we have grown to appreciate the importance of fund-raising and alumni support. We also attend sporting events and university-sponsored gatherings, where we enjoy meeting even more of the Furman faithful and deepening our ties to the university.

A fellow alum from outside Greenville recently asked me how he could get involved at Furman. Location is not a problem; alumni throughout the country can contribute in a variety of ways, such as acting as class agents, working on a reunion committee or volunteering to host Furman Club events, to name a few options.

Just as attending Furman was a very special experience, Suzanne and I feel that our involvement as alumni is equally enriching. We encourage you to join us! All it takes is an e-mail (alumni@furman.edu) or telephone call (1-800-PURPLE3) to the Alumni Office.

Furman is ready when you are!
— Todd Malo '95

The author works with SYS Constructors of Greenville and is president of the Young Alumni Council. Suzanne Cioffi Malo works with Staffing Partners LLC.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

You can help with Homecoming 2006

"I'll always remember with joy the months we worked together on our reunion," says Jessie Fowke Sims of the Class of 1950. "My head and my heart are forever bound to the committee and the Alumni Office."

The Alumni Office is currently looking for volunteers to serve on reunion committees for Homecoming 2006, October 20-22. Classes ending in a "1" or a "6" will be in reunion.

Why serve on your reunion committee? Sentiments like those of Jessie Fowke Sims are typical of our volunteers. Every class reunion is special and offers an opportunity for alumni to reconnect with old friends and with Furman. Serving on the committee heightens that connection.

Each year, reunion committees seem to become more creative with their planning. And the nice thing is that the nitty-gritty work — mailings, registration, collecting money — is handled by the Alumni Office, leaving the committees free to focus on planning a fun weekend that will encourage people to attend.

So if you are looking forward to your reunion in the fall, please consider volunteering with your class reunion committee. To learn more, contact Melanie Krone Armstrong '94, associate director of alumni programs, at 1-800-PURPLE3 or by e-mail, melanie.armstrong@furman.edu.

Furman Club update

Furman Clubs from coast to coast stayed busy in 2005! The groups enjoyed a variety of activities, from career networking socials to picnics, receptions, summer sendoffs for new Furman students, and such football activities as tailgates and viewing parties for Paladin games broadcast on television.

Among the end-of-the-year highlights was the 10th annual Charleston (S.C.) Furman Club Holiday Gala, held at the William Aiken House. The Alumni Association also hosted its first Holiday Gala for Greenville area alumni. And the new year began with the return of the Atlanta Furman Club Winter Gala, held February 4 at the Commerce Club.

Spring is an active time for Furman Clubs, with groups throughout the country planning picnics, career networking socials and other Furman-related activities. To discover what's happening at a Furman Club near you, visit the Alumni Association Web site at <http://alumni.furman.edu>.

If you would like to help arrange a Furman Club event in your area, contact Jane Dungan, associate director of alumni programs, at 1-800-PURPLE3 or e-mail jane.dungan@furman.edu.

CLASS NOTES WINTER 06

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This year is reunion!

James Harvey Smith of Arlington, Texas, has retired after more than 37 years of federal service, most of them with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He worked with GI Bill education benefits, was a program manager at VA headquarters in Washington, D.C., and spent the last eight years out-based from the Muskogee, Okla., VA Regional Processing Office as the education compliance specialist for the northern half of Texas.

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Next reunion in 2007

The Alabama Department of Archives & History in Montgomery recently honored its director, **Ed Bridges**, by naming the west wing of the department's 65,000-square-foot facility in his honor. Bridges has served as archives director since 1982. Bridges was invited to deliver the Fall Commencement address at Samford University in Birmingham December 17.

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Next reunion in 2008

John Thomas of the Thomas and Fisher firm in Greenville has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2006*. His specialties are tax law and employee benefits law.

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Next reunion in 2010

Linda Ross Thigpen (M.A. '86) was recognized by Greenville County Schools and TIAA-CREF (a financial investment company) as one of six district winners of the company's Leaders in Learning and Liberty Awards for her "outstanding knowledge in the

field of special education." A veteran of 35 years in education, she has been administrative assistant at Greenville's Washington Center since 1989 and has been named Teacher of the Year in all four Greenville County schools in which she has taught.

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Next reunion in 2008

Suzanne Rhodes Draayer, a music professor at Winona (Minn.) State University, is the editor of two new anthologies of Spanish songs titled *Canciones de España: Songs of Nineteenth-Century Spain, Volume 2*, published by Scarecrow Press. Suzanne is also regional governor of the North Central Region of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

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Next reunion in 2010

Regions Bank Upstate South Carolina has named **Davis Arnett** senior vice president and commercial lender for its Anderson bank. He has more than 20 years of commercial banking experience, most recently with Seneca National Bank. ■ **Ron Fousek** became pastor of Eureka Baptist Church of Anderson, S.C., in September.

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This year is reunion!

Michael Williams of Rock Hill, S.C., recently released a CD, titled "Batambira," with San Francisco percussionist Michael Spiro. The CD, on Bembe Records, has been featured on National Public Radio and other national broadcasts.

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Next reunion in 2007

Fred Culcleasure of Pfafftown, N.C., has earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in organization and management from Capella University, an accredited on-line institution headquartered in Minnesota. His dissertation was titled "Risk Management: A Study of Current Practices at North Carolina's Private Colleges and Universities." ■ **A.B. Robinson** is the new corporate director of health and safety and senior vice president for ARCADIS, a global contractor/consulting firm that specializes in such areas as infrastructure, building and environmental design, and remediation. He is working out of the Greenville office of the Denver-based company. He was previously with Fluor Corporation. ■ **MARRIAGE: Robert Hendrickson** and Doris Holden Bates, October 2, 2004. Rob is an associate manager with City Range Restaurant in Greenville and Doris is retired from the Anderson County (S.C.) School System as director of transportation.

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Next reunion in 2008

Larry Blood of Mount Airy, N.C., is general manager for Insteel, Inc. His wife, **Barbara Proffitt** '81 **Blood**, works with American Family Life Assurance Corporation (AFLAC). ■ **Victor Grout** has joined Greer (S.C.) Bancshares Inc. as a senior vice president and manager of the commercial banking team. He was previously a business services officer with BB&T in Greenville.

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Next reunion in 2009

Douglas Griffith received his Doctor of Ministry degree in May from Covenant Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. His wife, **Cynthia Stull** '80 **Griffith**, is office administrator with Leadership Development International in Union City, Ga. ■ **Melissa June Cothran Harris** of Woodland Park, Colo., was elected Colorado Physical Education Administrator of the Year in 2004. She was the 2005 health chair for the Colorado Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

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This year is reunion!

Mike Garfield, chief operating officer of Centennial Medical Center, has been appointed chief executive officer of Skyline Medical Center. Both hospitals are owned by Nashville, Tenn.-based HCA Inc. ■ **Christopher Lauchner** of Wrightstown, Pa., chief operating officer with Arete, Inc., was activated by the U.S. Army Reserves and deployed to Iraq last June. His tour of duty is scheduled to end in July. ■ **H. Stacy Nicholson**, a pediatric oncologist, has been named chair of pediatrics for the Oregon Health and Science University School of Medicine. He also serves as physician-in-chief at Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland. ■ **Rob** '82 and **Mary Cozine Woodward** have moved to Avon, Conn. He is director of technology development for Carrier Corporation and she works at the Hill-Stead Museum.

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Next reunion in 2007

Beaufort, S.C., attorney **Tom Davis**, who was senior policy adviser and co-chief of staff for Gov. **Mark Sanford** '83 until his appointment to the board of directors of the S.C. State Ports Authority in 2004, has resigned his seat on the board and rejoined the governor's team as deputy chief of staff for legislative affairs and policy. ■ **The Charlotte (N.C.) chapter of the Public Relations Society of America selected Carol Hardison Hughes** as winner of the 2005 Pegasus Award. Carol is executive director of the Crisis Assistance Ministry of Mecklenburg County. The Pegasus Award goes to an individual outside the public relations profession who demonstrates superior knowledge and use of public relations skills for the betterment of their organization and the community. ■ **Caryl Thomason Price** of Chapel Hill, N.C., recently released a CD of jazz standards titled "You Go to My Head." To learn more, visit her Web site, www.carylthomasonprice.com. ■ **BIRTH: Robert and Lisa Bell**, a son, Nigel Sherred, April 15, Beaufort, S.C.

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Next reunion in 2008

David Burnett of Spartanburg, S.C., has been installed as the 63rd president of the South Carolina Association of REALTORS. ■ **Mike Stewart** assisted Hurricane Katrina relief efforts as part of an emergency radio communications team. His team first established radio communications for a Red Cross center serving a four-county area in west central Mississippi and later provided a radio network for Red Cross shelters and feeding centers in the Gulfport, Miss., area. ■ **Richard Terlizzi** has earned a Doctor of Education degree from Nova Southeastern University.

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Next reunion in 2009

Dwayne Bowman is founder of Woodlawn School, an independent private school for grades 3-9 located just north of Davidson, N.C. The school is in its fourth year. Dwayne previously worked in the technology/software industry and was director of technology for both Corgis and Amazon.com. He recently received an Alumni Achievement Award from the McCallie School. ■ **Cathy Jamieson-Ogg** is pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Blythewood, S.C. She earned a doctorate in ministry from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia last May.

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This year is reunion!

Jeff Blandford of Atlanta is now with the law department of Rollins, Inc.

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Next reunion in 2007

MARRIAGE: Myles Gilseman and Cindy Sheng, August 28, 2004, St. James, N.Y. They live in Hong Kong where Myles is vice president of JP Morgan Chase. Cindy also works for the company. ■ **BIRTHS: Thom and Jill Rankin Koenigs**, a daughter, Madeline Elizabeth, October 4, Columbia, S.C. ■ **Kevin and Diane Jamison Owens**, a son, Griffin McCormack, July 6, Rockville, Md. Diane is a general manager for CarrAmerica, a real estate investment trust.

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Next reunion in 2008

Dale Akins, who is associated with Novit, Scarminach & Akins, P.A., on Hilton Head Island, S.C., has been named a permanent member of the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals Judicial Conference. ■ **Nathalie Coté** is chair of the

psychology department at Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina. ■ **Campbell Corley Dunson** is a missionary to the Brazil International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. ■ **Shawn Reid** of Toledo, Ohio, is assistant director of human resources for the Lucas County Commissioners. He is working on his Ph.D. in organizational management and is a coach with the Toledo Ice, an American Basketball Association team in its first season. ■ **Melinda Scott** is director of recruiting and employee services for the Greenville Hospital System, where she has been on staff for 30 years. She is also in her third year on the United Way's African American Leadership Council and is co-chairing the council for 2005-06. ■ **Kimberly Grissop Spencer** is assistant events coordinator for the Richard W. Riley Institute of Government, Politics and Public Leadership at Furman. ■ **ADOPTION: Rex and Stephanie Doyle Trevitz**, a son, 13-year-old Matthew Fletcher, February 18, 2005. Rex and Stephanie are foster parents for the Lexington County (S.C.) Department of Social Services. ■ **BIRTH: Dean and Miriam Belcher** '91 **Ponder**, a son, Noah Jameson, December 12, 2004, Blythewood, S.C.

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Next reunion in 2009

Don Tesner, a certified public accountant, has joined ISO Poly Films as chief financial officer. He most recently served as vice president of finance and administration for ECP, Inc., in Easley, S.C. ■ **BIRTH: Thomas and Susan Brink**, a son, Jonathan Russell, April 7, Tampa, Fla. Thomas is a trial attorney with the law office of Robert S. Walton III, a staff council office of CNA Insurance Companies. ■ **Tom and Ashley Hewitt**, a daughter, McKenna Worthington, September 23, Charlotte, N.C.

■ **Paul and Robyn Josselson Shirley**, twin daughters, Anna Camden and Adelaide Coker, June 29. Robyn is organizing director of Atlantic Community Bank in Bluffton, S.C.

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Next reunion in 2010

Keith Bender has been promoted to associate professor with tenure in the economics department at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. ■ **Lee King** has accepted a position as staff composer and music editor for the FJH Music Company in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He has several educational piano works in production and

2005-2006 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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serves as executive director of the North Miami (Fla.) Conservatory of Music. ■ **Global investment and superannuation leader** Russell Investment Group has appointed **Roddy Moore** director of implementation services for AustralAsia. He has been transferred to Sydney, Australia. ■ **MARRIAGE:** Kirby Mitchell and Danielle Metoyer, November 11. They live in Greenville. ■ **BIRTHS:** Dean and Lisa Allen, a daughter, Rachel, October 20, 2004. Last April, Dean and Lisa began a unique job-share as academic dean and vice president for administration at Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kan. ■ **Jeff and Wendy Bass Holub**, twins, a son, Chase Armond, and a daughter, Emma Louise, August 24, San Ramon, Calif. ■ **Dennis and Christi Barfield McDaniel**, a daughter, Anna, December 29, 2004, Hartsview, S.C. Christi is an attorney with the Wukela Law Firm.

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This year is reunion!

John Ramey has completed a fellowship in allergy-immunology at the University of South Florida in Tampa. He and his wife, **Mikki Streight '92 Ramey**, have moved to Mount Pleasant, S.C., and he is associated with National Allergy, Asthma and Urticaria Centers. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Carla Ingrando** and David Winterstein, August 5. They live in Granville, Ohio. ■ **Julie Ann Stuart** and James Ligon Williams, June 4. She is an associate professor in the College of Business at the University of West Florida and he is a lead engineer for electrical field services with Southern Company Services, Inc. They live in Pensacola. ■ **ADOPTION:** **Scott '92** and **Debra Cluff Frein**, a daughter, Kacey Valentina, June 11. She was born in Russia May 27, 2004. ■ **BIRTHS:** **David** and **Andrea Taylor '93 Arnold**, a son, Benjamin Taylor Arnold, January 20, 2005. They live in Decatur, Ga. ■ **James** and **Brigid Downs**, twin sons,

Robert Braxton and William Kerney, July 30, Charlotte, N.C. ■ **Wayne and Beth Moody Guttery**, a son, Samuel Miles, June 21, Appleton, Wis. ■ **Kevin and Jane Nolan McBride**, a son, James Benton, September 17, Greenville. ■ **James** and **Marta O'Bosky**, a daughter, Sophie Elyse, November 16, 2004. James is a dentist in Montclair, N.J. ■ **Dean** and **Helen Soper Rice**, a son, Jeffrey Bradford Holliday Rice, September 6, Roswell, Ga. ■ **Christopher** and **Jamie Whitley**, a daughter, Alexandria Grace, February 9, 2005. Chris is a real estate developer in Atlanta. ■ **Eric '92** and **Tonya Olson Walter**, a daughter, Carly Ann, June 26, Mableton, Ga. ■ **Eric** and **Julie Wetmore Wild**, a son, Wesley David, May 10, Neptune Beach, Fla.

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Next reunion in 2007

Jennifer Baldwin has earned her social work license and is an autism consultant for the Department of Defense Dependents School in Europe. She lives in Wiesbaden, Germany. ■ **Lance Lewis** is an interventional cardiologist and partner with Wilmington (N.C.) Cardiology. ■ **Russ Merritt** is dean of students and college counselor with Westminster Schools of Augusta, Ga. ■ **Betsy Chapin Taylor** has been named chief development officer for Erlanger Health System in Chattanooga, Tenn. She was previously president of Hutcheson Health Foundation and vice president of marketing and public relations for Hutcheson Medical Center in Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Stewart** and **Allison Davis Cooner**, a daughter, Ashley Marie, July 18, Lexington, S.C. ■ **Rick** and **Jean Furney Lassiter**, a son, Caleb, September 13. They live in Mount Pleasant, S.C. ■ **Asa** and **Dana Love Peek**, a daughter, Julianne Marie, February 10, 2005, Cedar-town, Ga. ■ **Clay** and **Jocie Tiedeman**, a son, Wesley, January 23, 2005, Columbia, S.C. Clay is a general manager with xpedex.

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Next reunion in 2008

When the Bosch company transferred **Jamie Moon Merrill's** husband, Ben, to Charleston, S.C., she joined Holset Charleston in global program management. ■ **MARRIAGE:** **Kristen Gunder** and **John Hogan**, August 27. They live in Atlanta where John works as a real estate developer and Kristen is a marketing manager at GMAC Insurance. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Jeff** and **Ashley Moore Clary**, a daughter, Molly Neal, October 14, Spartanburg, S.C. ■ **Doug** and **Martha Rivers Davisson**, a daughter, Maggie, March 17, 2005, Williston, S.C. ■ **Eric** and **Megan Filston Johnson**, a son, Phinehas Matthew, December 13, 2004. They live in Decatur, Ga., where Megan is continuing work toward a Master of Divinity degree at Columbia Theological Seminary and is a candidate for ordination in the Presbyterian (USA) Church. Eric is associate general counsel with CARE. ■ **Mark** and **Anne Lofye**, a daughter, Lizzie, December 20, 2004, Atlanta. ■ **Robert** and **Becky Spicker '94 Metzger**, a son, Tyler Robert, September 29, 2004, Charlotte, N.C. ■ **James** and **Britney Lea Redd**, a daughter, Jordyn Chastain, September 26, Milton, Fla. ■ **Michael** and **Karrie Reams Saboe**, a son, Thomas Huis, May 5, Charleston, S.C. ■ **Tommy** and **Carrie Cureton Stringer**, a son, Thomas Hugh Montgomery, August 20, Landrum, S.C. ■ **Fred** and **Melissa Sturgis**, a daughter, Emma, March 28, 2005. Fred is managing director of H.I.G. Ventures in Atlanta. ■ **Kota** and **Rhonda Suttle**, a daughter, Brooke Lauren, October 22, Atlanta.

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Next reunion in 2009

John Adams, a teacher at White Knoll High School in Lexington County, S.C., has been named South Carolina History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and Preserve

America. He received a \$1,000 honorarium, and a core archive of history books and materials was donated to his school library. The award honors one exceptional K-12 teacher of American history from each state. ■ **Mark Souther's** book *City on Parade: Tourism and the Transformation of New Orleans* has been accepted for publication in the fall of 2006 by Louisiana State University Press. He teaches history at Cleveland State University. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Jonathan Bartsch** and **DeAnna Simms**, August 1. They live in Murfreesboro, Tenn. ■ **William Swann** and **Danette Rujat**, May 28. They live in Franklinton, N.C., and William teaches in the Wake County public school system. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Mark** and **Jennifer Howell Baldwin**, a son, Wes Denmark, February 9, 2005, Lawrenceville, Ga. Jennifer works as a master trainer with YogaFit Training Systems. ■ **Durell** and **Priscila Benjamin**, a daughter, Isabella Marie, February 26, 2005, Greenville. ■ **Greg** and **Susan Flowers Elliott**, a son, Ryan Thomas, March 10, 2005, Simpsonville, S.C. ■ **Jeff** and **Stacy Williams '95 Fuson**, a daughter, Alanna Isabella, June 13, Kennesaw, Ga. ■ **Cliff** and **Deana Jaresh O'Rear**, a son, Wyatt Duke, April 24. They live in Arlington, Texas. ■ **Matthew** and **Jennifer Philpott**, a son, Maddox, January 16, 2005. Matthew is a commercial account manager with Coherent-Lambda Physik in Seattle, Wash. ■ **Brad** and **Lila Sauls**, a son, Aidan Bradley, September 21. Brad works in the historic preservation office of the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia. ■ **J.O.** and **Mariah Brown Spengler**, a son, Matthew Alexander, July 31. J.O. works for Bosshardt Realty Services in Gainesville, Fla., and Mariah is a mental health counselor at the University of Florida. ■ **Brian** and **Jennifer Brown Wyatt**, a daughter, Helen Margaret, June 4, Nashville, Tenn. Jennifer is a legal administrator with Blackburn & McCune.

Another story that rings true

I received my copy of the fall *Furman* magazine in the mail and read it cover to cover, as I always do. I was especially interested in Tom Triplitt's story about the Furman graduate whose class ring was found in the Yosemite River.

I was particularly struck by this article because I, too, have a Furman ring story. Actually, it is a Greenville Woman's College ring story, but to me, that's close enough.

My maternal grandmother, Christine Cooper Ellenberg, graduated from GWC in 1923, and my grandfather, William Joseph Ellenberg (known as Willie Joe), graduated from Furman in 1922. My mom tells me that from the time I was a little girl I vowed that I was going to Furman.

In September 1984, I passed through the front gates and became an official "Furman freshman." Before I left for college, my grandmother gave me her GWC class ring — a gift that obviously held a tremendous amount of sentimental value for me.

At some point during the year, I was walking back to my room in Haynsworth Basement (back when it was still an all-women's dorm) and realized that my

grandmother's ring, which I wore every day, was not on my finger. Needless to say, extreme panic set in as I raced back to my room and proceeded to tear it apart in search of my beloved keepsake. It was nowhere to be found.

Suddenly, it dawned on me that earlier in the day I had tossed a napkin in the trash can in the hall's common area. So I ran to the trash can. It was empty, however, and I was frantic.

I don't know whether it was my suggestion or someone else's, but we ended up in the trash room going through stuff I don't even want to remember in search of that ring. I finally opened a plastic bag and found a crumpled napkin with a GWC Class of 1923 ring inside. I honestly think my heart skipped a beat or two in sheer relief and joy.

But my story didn't end there. Later that afternoon (probably less than an hour later), a friend called me to come out into the hall. I watched, dumbfounded, as the Furman maintenance men hauled the trash from the room to take it to its final resting place. Once again my heart skipped a beat, or maybe ten. If not for the help of good friends willing to dig through mounds of trash



and an excellent stroke of timing (with some divine intervention, I'm sure), my ring would have ended up at the dump or in an incinerator.

I now keep that ring, along with my grandfather's Furman ring and my own Furman ring, in a locked box under my bed. I don't know what my grandparents' rings might be worth monetarily — I have a feeling that they contain a lot more gold than mine — but to quote those recent MasterCard commercials, to me they are "priceless!"

— **Ruth Canfield '88**
Rock Hill, S.C.

The writer is technical services librarian at the York County Library.

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Next reunion in 2010

Jeffrey Cox of Coral Springs, Fla., is an assistant U.S attorney. ■ **Brett Doyle** of Greenville is president and chief executive officer of Duro Systems Ltd., a Microsoft Business Solutions certified partner. ■ **Sandi Padgett** of Goose Creek, S.C., has become economic development manager with the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments. She administers federal and state programs in the form of EDA grants, CDBG funds and revolving loan funds. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Charles Gordon Ballew** (M.A. '97) and Laura Alison

Renninger, May 14. They live in Daytona Beach, Fla., where he is the sales and marketing manager at Fabco Metal Products, LP. She is a physician assistant at Jena Medical.

■ **Cortney Combs** and Scott Baker, August 27. They live in Davie, Fla., and Cortney is a Suzuki violin teacher.

■ **Hayden Smith** and **Katherine Presley** '01, October 1. Hayden is a candidate for a Ph.D. in history at the University of Georgia in Athens. Katherine is a graphic designer. ■

BIRTHS: **Mark and Anna Winstead Beelaert**, a son, Charles, February 10, 2005. They live in Irmo, S.C.

■ **Gregory and Natalie Kjellstrom Cannata**, a son,

Justin Sebastian, June 22, Fort Benning, Ga. ■ **Charles and Kathy Culver**, a son, Ayden Grant, April 13, Johnston, S.C. Charles is a sales engineer with Transtech Radiator Products.

■ **Joe Barvir and Ginny Gaylor**, a son, Joseph Ednee Barvir, August 2, Greensboro, N.C.

■ **Michael '96 and Amy Castleberry Johnson**, a son, Graham Henry, August 24. They live in Alpharetta, Ga., and Michael works as a residential/commercial designer. ■ **Ryan and Lauren Bellamy McCann**, a son, John Ryan, May 30, Greenville. ■ **Bryan and Alison Bracewell McCullick**, a daughter, Adaline Grace, October 6, Athens, Ga. Alison is statewide voter

education coordinator for the Georgia Secretary of State. Bryan teaches at the University of Georgia. ■ **Peter and Jennifer Harris Partee**, a daughter, Erin Finley, February 6, 2005, Laurens, S.C. ■ **Samuel and Lynne Sykora Unglo**, a son, Luke Anthony, December 26, 2004. They live in Roswell, Ga., and Lynne heads her own consulting/public relations firm. ■ **Brian and Tracee Minnix Wade**, a son, Banks Matthew, June 7, Simpsonville, S.C. ■ **Chad and Mary Katherine Thrash White**, a daughter, Mary Brauer, March 24, 2005, Atlanta. ■ **David '96 and Lisa Couch Williams**, a daughter, Charly Anne, July

15. Lisa is an English teacher at J.L. Mann High School in Greenville and David is a science teacher at Riverside Middle School.

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This year is reunion!

Chad Gilmer has been transferred by the Social Security Administration from the Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs in Baltimore, Md., to the Office of the Associate Commissioner for Hearings and Appeals in Falls Church, Va. ■ An exhibit of documentary photographs by **Ted Haddock**, illustrating Israeli security operations in Bethlehem in December 2002, was on display at Genema Gallery in Atlanta September 11-October 30. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Dann and Anne-Marie Sanders Angeloff**, a daughter, Ragan Margarete, September 26, Huntington Beach, Calif. ■ **Michael** '97 and **Shawn Pierce Barfield**, a son, Jackson Pierce Barfield, June 2. Shawn is an assistant solicitor in the Charleston County (S.C.) Solicitor's Office. ■ **Jonathan and Lori Lucas Bassett**, a daughter, Ella Catherine, June 27. Jonathan is an assistant professor of psychology at Lander University in Greenwood, S.C. ■ **David and Melinda Smith** '97 **Davidson**, a daughter, Autumn Nicole, September 28. Melinda is downtown development manager for the City of Greenville. ■ **Scott and Lexanne Graves**, a daughter, Anna Leigh, October 21, Irmo, S.C. ■ **Terry and Jennifer Palomares Higgins**, a son, Ryan Matthew, June 17, Knoxville, Tenn. ■ **George** '98 and **Kristen Nevins Linney**, a daughter, Kathryn Nevins, July 20, Durham, N.C. ■ **Gregory and Rachel Stander Manning**, a daughter, Althea Grace, July 22, Centerville, Va. ■ **Don and Laure-Anne Bauwens Pennelli**, a daughter, Taylor Ann, June 21. Laure-Anne is a French teacher at The Lovett School in Atlanta. ■ **Alex and Kim Sloop Powers**, a daughter, Miller Elizabeth, October 20, Winston-Salem, N.C. ■ **Brent and Debbie Mariner Rexer**, a daughter,

Catherine Joy, August 4, Nashville, Tenn. Debbie is a postdoctoral fellow in cell biology at Vanderbilt University. ■ **Chris and Cari Marsh** '97 **Sampers**, a son, Owen, August 9, Dacula, Ga.

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Next reunion in 2007

Meredith Wilson Burton has become director of Furman's Child Development Center. She previously taught at Fountain Inn (S.C.) Elementary School. ■ **Cari Williams Hicks**, an attorney at Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann P.C. in Greenville, has been elected to the South Carolina Bar House of Delegates to serve as a representative of attorneys in the 13th Judicial Circuit. ■ **Nathan Osbourne** is an art director with the Bounce Agency in Greenville. ■ **Colin McKibben Stewart** of Bluffton, S.C., recently became city editor of *The Island Packet* newspaper. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **John David Owen** and Amy Matthews, February 19, 2005. John is an attorney with Bradley Arant Rose & White LLP in Birmingham, Ala., and Amy is a convention servicing manager with the Greater Birmingham Convention & Visitors Bureau. ■ **Heather Sandison** and Drew Heffner, September 10. They live in Mexico, Mo., and Heather works as assistant public defender in the Missouri State Public Defender System. ■ **Claire Thornton** and Derek Austin, August 20. Claire is a registered nurse in the Critical Care Unit of Parkwest Hospital in Knoxville, Tenn., and Derek is an electrical engineer at Siemens Medical Systems. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Erik and Audra Wages Arnold**, a son, Christopher Samuel, July 15. They live in Calhoun, Ga. ■ **Mike and Rebecca Cole** '00 **Brown**, a son, Samuel Lee, September 29, Gainesville, Ga. ■ **Ross and Melissa Filer Hughes**, a son, Hampton Thomas, March 17, 2005. Melissa teaches at Christ Church School in Greenville. ■ **Brady** '98 and **Katherine Buck Meeks**, a daughter, Brooke Albee, August 5, Denver, Colo.

■ **Greg and Mary Palmer** '98 **Owens**, a daughter, Isabelle Katherine, September 28. They live in Cumming, Ga., and Greg is a musician. ■ **Kevin** (M.A.) and **Sarah Couch Piland**, a daughter, Maren Emily, September 18. Sarah is a nurse in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston, and Kevin does rehabilitation work for Advanced Spinal Care of Georgia. ■ **Britt and Greer Hughston Reagin**, a son, Hughston Wells, March 29, 2005, Birmingham, Ala. Greer is a project administrator at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. ■ **Gant and Meeghan Callahan Sowinski**, a son, Henry Callahan, August 4, Greenville. ■ **Matt and Lori Cole Waters**, a daughter, Leigh Anna Cailyn, September 7. They live in Leesburg, Va.

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Next reunion in 2008

Tim Aucoin has been assigned to the Miami (Fla.) Field Office of the U.S. Secret Service. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Mark Russell Normington** and Melissa Anne Clark, September 17. They work in Greenville, Mark as operations manager at FedEx and Melissa as a speech language pathologist at Meyer Center for Special Children. ■ **Kerrie Seltenheim** and Ellison Patten, October 1. Kerrie is a staffing specialist with Fidelity Investments and Ellison is in commercial real estate. They live in Brookline, Mass. ■ **Stephen Stark** and Edit Muhari, August 20. They live in Leeds, England. ■ **Megan Vittum** and Eitel Malan, August 19. They live in Cape Town, South Africa, where Eitel is an architect and Megan is training to become a certified therapeutic horseback riding instructor through the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Stephen and Julie Hammett Cannon**, a daughter, Natalie Grace, August 24. They live in Boiling Springs, S.C., and Julie works as a program coordinator at Spartanburg

Regional HealthCare System.

■ **David and Sarah Rusciano Davis**, a son, Maxwell, September 2, Smyrna, Ga. ■ **Mike and Katherine Burns Gellatly**, a son, Matt, February 4, 2005, Manning, S.C. Kate works for General Engineering Labs. ■ **Matt and Christina Flynn McGinn**, a son, Caedmon, January 5, 2005, Fort Mill, S.C. ■ **Eddie and Jamie Dorman** '99 **Storey**, twin daughters, Reece Alexandra and Ryan Ashley, October 24, Orlando, Fla.

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Next reunion in 2009

Wayne Emerson Gregory

became economic development director for Georgetown County (S.C.) in August. He was previously executive director of the Bamberg County (S.C.) Economic Development Board and project manager for the Greenville Area Development Corporation. ■ **Alice Gregory Hartnett** of Charlotte, N.C., formerly a reporter for *The Charlotte Observer*, is now corporate communications manager for Alltel. ■ After completing his master's degree in education, **Tyler Milliken** became assistant director of youth sports at the New Canaan, Conn., YMCA in August. ■ After completing her doctorate in psychology at Georgia School of Professional Psychology, **Tiffany A'Kia Rogers** completed her internship at the Hampton, Va., Medical Center. She now works at the medical center as a research health science specialist. ■ **Stacey Rose** has joined the law firm of Hunton & Williams LLP in McLean, Va., as an associate in the litigation practice group. She was previously with Ross, Dixon & Bell LLP in Washington, D.C. ■ **Carlton Swift** is a partner in Fireball Media in Charleston, S.C., specializing in publication design. ■ **Sarah Thomas** has joined the law firm of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A., in Greenville, focusing on medical malpractice. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Tara Byer** and Daniel Parsons, October 1. He is a dermatologist; she is completing her dermatology residency at the University of North Carolina. ■ **Jean**

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Haubert and Jason Weil, May 28. Jean is a Ph.D. student in sociology at Tulane University. ■ **Liz Herre** and Mark Campbell, September 2. They live in Atlanta. ■ **Jennifer Alexandra Oster** and Charles Louis Gonzalez, August 28. She is preventive program coordinator at St. Francis Work Well in Greenville and he is a deputy sheriff in Greenville County. ■ **Mike Williams** and Elizabeth Whiteley, August 7, 2004. They work in Boston, Mike as director of recreation at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Elizabeth at Wellington Management. ■ **BIRTHS:** Andrew Henderson and **Mary Huff**, a son, Elliot Wannamaker Henderson, February 19, 2005. Mary is director of children's choirs at St. Ignatius Loyola Church in New York City. ■ **Jamey and Beth Dotson Messersmith**, a son, Aiden James, May 26, Durham, N.C. ■ **Travis and Renae Norris Staggs**, a daughter, Laney Grace, February 19, 2005, Greenville. ■ **Ryan and Lindsey Osborne Stinnett**, a son, Henry Griffin, October 6, Atlanta.

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Next reunion in 2010

Cecilia Carro of Annandale, Va., received a Master of Arts degree in Latin American Studies (political economy) from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service of Georgetown University in December. ■ **Andrew Foy** of Arlington, Va., received his J.D. degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in May and is an associate with Fish & Richardson P.C. ■ **Amy Grizzle** recently received her master's degree from Duke Divinity School and is employed at Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. ■ **Mark Horner** of Taylors, S.C., has been named vice president of marketing at Utility Audit Company, a tax consulting firm for non-

profit organizations. ■ **Adam Ward McGlashan** has become a financial services analyst in the Wholesale Payments section of the Division of Reserve Bank Operations and Payments Systems in Washington, D.C. He previously was a research assistant in the Macroeconomic Analysis section of the Federal Reserve Board. ■ After five years in Santiago, Chile, **Melissa Rekas** is now in a master's degree program at the Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies, concentrating in international economics and international development. ■ Jason and **Kristin Rakness Riddle** are associated with Sombra Road, an Atlanta organization that works with Brazilian street children. The Riddles have moved to Brazil, where they assist with an orphanage and are establishing an English school in the community of Santa Luzia, just outside of Rio de Janeiro. ■ **Anne Ross** has become an associate in the law firm of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A., in Charleston, S.C. She previously served as a law clerk to the Honorable E.C. Burnett III of the South Carolina Supreme Court. ■ **Elizabeth Patz Skola** of Marietta, Ga., has become law clerk to the Honorable Senior Judge William C. O'Kelley, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia. ■ **Tracy Towle** (M.S. '01) is working in management with Starbucks of Miami, Fla., and has been accepted to the master's degree program in dietetics and nutrition at Florida International University. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Troy Gunden** and Laura Boyd, October 2, 2004. They live in North East, Md., and both work at Herr Foods Inc. ■ **Catherine Lane** and Philip Watson, September 4, 2004. Catherine is media account manager with Vertis Media/TNN. They live in Austell, Ga. ■ **Eleanor Powell** and **Faamata Fonoimoana** '01,

October 9, 2004. Eleanor is an administrative assistant at Christ Church Presbyterian in Atlanta and Mata is territory sales representative with Milwaukee Electric Tool Corporation. ■ **Dana Steffan** and William Romash, September 17. Dana is a kindergarten teacher in Chester, N.J., and Bill works for Verizon. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Donald and Ellen Culbertson Abramo**, a son, James Lawton, January 1, 2005, Anderson, S.C. Don is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Merck and Co. ■ **James and Ashley Rayl** '01 **Bright**, a son, Caden Tyler, August 20, Seminole, Fla. ■ **T.J. and June Mee Clark**, a son, John Thomas, May 15, Birmingham, Ala. ■ **Kevin and Lisa Heins**, a daughter, Ava Grace, October 11, Nyack, N.Y. Kevin is senior acquisitions associate with Franklin Credit Management Corporation. ■ **David and Jami Hoblick**, a son, Michael Scott, August 19, Los Angeles. ■ **Michael and Brooks Watson Lines**, a daughter, Eleanor Rand, July 1, Smyrna, Ga. ■ **James and Kim Feindt** '01 **Williams**, a daughter, Katelyn Grace, August 30. James is the choral director at Hoffman Estates High School in suburban Chicago and also works in church music. Kim is a survey specialist for the National Opinion Research Center.

01

This year is reunion!

Jimmy and Catherine Moran Ashley have moved to Greenwood, S.C., where Jimmy works in the Cardiac Cath Lab at Self Memorial Hospital. Catherine teaches second grade at Oakland Elementary School. ■ **Erica Kitchen Betts** of Raleigh, N.C., is the development coordinator for Planned Parenthood of Central North Carolina. ■ **Cassidy Smith Carow** has started a Stroller Fit franchise in Panama City, Fla. Stroller Fit is a program that blends strength training,

aerobic endurance and flexibility for moms and babies.

■ **Veronica Colvard** has joined Cogburn Goosmann Brazil & Rose, P.A., in Asheville, N.C., and is practicing real estate law. ■ **Johnlee Curtis** has been chosen as an international trade law consultant by the Swiss National Science Foundation. He lives in Lucerne where he conducts research and writes on intellectual property topics for the NCCR Project, a pan-European research initiative. ■ **Carrie Jacobs Davis** has her own multimedia company, Davis Pictures, in Charleston, S.C. Several of her photographs have been published by the Library of Congress and she received the Best Photograph 2005 award from the International Library of Photography. ■ **Amy Dill** lives in Iva, S.C., and is pastor of the Bethel-Ruhamah Charge of the United Methodist Church. ■ **Kathryn Fulton** lives in San Diego, Calif., where she owns and directs Sound Health, a music therapy service agency. ■ The Center for Developmental Services in Greenville has named **Jason Richards** its assistant director. He was previously leadership giving manager with the United Way of Greenville County. ■ **Julie Stackhouse** of Jacksonville, Fla., is assistant women's track coach at the University of North Florida. ■ **Cathy Stevens** has been named assistant project director with the Richard W. Riley Institute of Government, Politics and Public Leadership at Furman. ■ **Darcy Walker** practices law in the Philadelphia office of Drinker Biddle & Reath. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Katherine Brittain** and Mark Sandvos, August 27. They live in St. Louis, Mo., where she works for a mental health agency and he is an attorney with USBank. ■ **Lawra Cannon** and Marion Boyce, September 3. They live in Columbia, S.C., where Lawra works for the state

Department of Health and Environmental Control in the Bureau of Air Quality. Marion is a police officer for the city of West Columbia. ■ **Jeff Crews** and **Alina Kelman** '03, October 1. Jeff is a lead research specialist at Yerkes Primate Center in Atlanta and Alina is a student at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. ■ **Oscar Gertsch** and **Emily Swift**, June 26. Oscar is in the U.S. Army and Emily teaches in Furman's music department. ■ **Nicole Malseed** and **Brandon Berry** '04, July 15. They live in Pasadena, Calif., and are students at Fuller Theological Seminary. Nicole is studying for a master's degree in crosscultural studies and Brandon is working on a Master of Divinity degree. ■ **Nikki Lynn Miller** and **Terry Mark Hudson**, October 8, Greenville. Lynn is director of industrial medicine at Mary Black Physician Group in Spartanburg, S.C., and Terry is an estimator/project manager for Tindal Corporation. ■ **Adrienne Nelson** and **Casey Reich**, October 8. They live in Charlotte, N.C., and Adrienne is employee assistance program counselor at Presbyterian Hospital. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Scott** and **Rebecca Heaberlin**, a daughter, Cayleigh Nicole, November 1, Columbia, S.C.. Scott is a lead developer with BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina. ■ **John** '02 and **Nicole Knapp K-Weber**, a daughter, Opal Caye, June 22, Columbia, Mo.

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Next reunion in 2007

Chris Bainbridge completed a master's degree in journalism at the University of Nebraska and is now project specialist with Bclip Productions, a video production company in Asheville, N.C. ■ **Amber Brock** received her master's degree in Spanish from the University of Georgia in August and is working as program coordinator at the school's Center for Continuing Education and as director of the university's Summer Academy. ■ **Peter Kay** is a student at the University of

South Carolina, studying for a doctorate in music composition. ■ **Lauren Jeanette Myers** of State College, Pa., recently received a master's degree in psychology from Pennsylvania State University. She is enrolled in the school's Ph.D. program and is working as a graduate assistant in the psychology department. ■ **Justin John Price**, who recently received a master's degree in city and regional planning from Clemson University, is enrolled at the Charleston (S.C.) School of Law. ■ **Abby Sellers** earned a Master of Science degree in nursing (women's health practitioner) from Vanderbilt University in August. She now lives in Greenville. ■ **Roxana Tuculescu** recently earned her J.D. degree at Georgetown University Law Center and has joined Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A., in Greenville. She works in the firm's business group. ■ **Ken Wiltberger** is employed by The Federalist Society in Washington, D.C., as director of publications. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **William Michael Baisley** and **Ashley Montgomery Callahan** '03, October 22. Mike received his J.D. degree from the University of Tennessee and is an attorney in the Knoxville firm of Woolf, Bright, Allen & Carpenter, PLLC. Ashley works for Gypsum Management and Supply Corporation. ■ **Susan Bumgarner** and **Geoff Reed**, October 1. They live in Columbia, Md. ■ **Michi Diane Corn** (M.A.) and **Christopher Anthony Cortese**, October 1. She is assistant principal at Hillcrest Middle School in Greenville County and he is owner of Affordable Appraisal & Atlas Mortgage. ■ **Craig Davis** and **Jessica Walsh** '03, June 11. Both are teachers in the Spartanburg (S.C.) School District. ■ **Vance Walker Embry** and **Nancy Kelly McGuire** '04, April 16. They live in Sarasota, Fla. ■ **Rob Hartman** and **Laura Kinard**, June 18. They live in Greenville where Laura is an obstetrics/gynecology resident at the Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center. Rob is finishing his

last year of medical school through the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. ■ **Rebecca Rank** and **Ryan Stone** '04, July 16. Rebecca teaches at Dorman High School in Spartanburg, S.C. ■ **Tom Wyatt** and **Leslie Duesenberg** '03, July 9. They live in Aiken, S.C. ■ **BIRTH:** **Chuck** and **Amanda Crawford Underhill**, a daughter, Caroline Joy, November 11, 2004, Lexington, S.C.

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Next reunion in 2008

MARRIAGES: **Betsy Buchanan** and **Walt Tanner**, August 6. Betsy is in her final year at the University of Georgia Law School and Walt is a youth pastor. ■ **Anna Graham Day** and **Nicholas Timothy Batzig**, October 29. She teaches at Mitchell Road Christian Academy in Greenville and he attends Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. ■ **Wallis McKinley Larkins** and **Megan Leigh Spengeman**, September 17. They live in Alpharetta, Ga., where he is a technical artist at Hi-Rez Studios. She has earned a Master of Public Education degree from the University of Georgia. ■ **Jennifer Marie Murphy** and **Dan McInnis**, November 20, 2004. They live in Asheboro, N.C., and Jennifer teaches in the Randolph County School System. ■ **LeRyiah Puffer** and **Russell Arant**, October 22. LeRyiah has earned a master's degree in public health administration and works as senior strength trainer for the Lexington County (S.C.) Recreation and Aging Commission.

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Next reunion in 2009

Louisa Grant Carter is a first-year student at the College of Charleston (S.C.), where she is pursuing a master's degree in environmental studies. She works as a research specialist/graduate assistant with the Agricultural Research Service, USDA. ■ **Ryan** and **Carrie Headley** live in Columbia, S.C., where he is in graduate school at the University of South Carolina and she works

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for the university's School of Public Health. ■ **McCall Holman** earned a degree in architecture from Clemson University and has entered graduate school at the Southern California Institute of Architecture in Los Angeles. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Carmen Band** and **James Sawyers**, May 20. They live in Nashville, Tenn., where Carmen is studying for her master's degree in medical physics at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and Jim is the computer system administrator at Vanderbilt Law School. ■ **Dominic Franchini** and **Laura Roesch**, June 18. They live in Hamilton, Ohio. Dominic is a service representative with Horan Associates and Laura is a registered nurse. ■ **Andrew Joseph Latora** and **Rebecca Williams**, December 4, 2004.

A plaque for the Shack

'Rustic mountain cottage' recognized as campus landmark

Most Furman graduates probably aren't aware of the significance of one of the university's least ostentatious buildings: the Shack.

Nestled alongside the Hut, (Eco-) Cottage and Cabin on the lakefront road leading to the Bell Tower and Old College, the Shack was built in 1937 on the Greenville Woman's College campus at the behest of Dean Virginia Thomas. In her book *Academy and College: The History of the Woman's College of Furman University*, English professor Judith Bainbridge describes the Shack as a "rustic mountain cottage" that served as an "informal meeting place" for students.

When the women moved to the current campus in 1961, the Shack came as well — the only building from the Woman's College to make it to the unified Furman campus.

Last year, while researching a paper on the history of women at Furman, Jennifer Ward '07 uncovered the history of the Shack and determined that its place in university annals deserved to be acknowledged. "I realized how significant this building really is and thought it should be recognized accordingly," she says.

Her efforts paid off. At the Senior Order brunch during Homecoming Weekend in October, Ward and Nancy Willis Massey '44, the senior member of Senior Order in attendance, unveiled a plaque commemorating the Shack's historical significance.

The plaque, which now sits outside

the house, states: "The Shack, built in 1937, served as a snack bar and rustic gathering place on the campus of the university's coordinate women's college until it was moved to Furman's new campus in 1961. Now a student residence, it is the only remaining structure from the former Greenville Woman's College."

But how and when was the Shack converted from meeting place to student housing?

In December of 1970, retention at Furman was high and a large group of students were about to return to campus from studying abroad. The university was concerned that there wouldn't be enough beds to go around.

Helen McCallie '71, a Senior Order member now living near St. Louis, sent this note recalling what happened: "One of my roommates mentioned to Dean [Marguerite] Chiles that the five of us in our suite would be willing to move into the Shack. She said this rather as a joke, since there was no chance of anyone ever getting to live there.

"The next day, Dean Chiles called me in to ask if I thought we would be willing. Were we ever!" Which is how McCallie and her roommates — Betsy O'Kelley (Milford), Betty Hughes (Harry), Mary Gale Boyd (Brown) and Julia Harding (Mies) — became the first students to live in the Shack.

"What an adventure it was! Since it was a new thing, even faculty were asking to be invited to parties," wrote McCallie, recalling how "special" she



Jennifer Ward says of her efforts, "This is something I am proud to leave behind."

and her roommates felt. "We entertained at fondue parties . . . What a shame I spent many more hours planning out parties than I did on my independent study, but look at what I remember now! That was the most fun semester five girls could have had."

So here's to the Shack, for finally receiving its due as a campus landmark; to the trail-blazing women from the Class of '71, who delighted in being the first of many residents of the historic building; and to Jennifer Ward, whose sense of history made the recognition possible.

Ward is hoping to compile an anecdotal history of the Shack that will be kept in the residence. If you have stories about the Shack that you would like to share, please e-mail them to jennifer.ward@furman.edu.

This story adapted from an article by April Bernardo '06 in the October 28 issue of The Paladin.

Drew is a major account executive with IKON in Norcross, Ga. ■ **Erica Kathleen Sutton** (M.A. '05) and Jason Allen Culbertson, September 3. Erica teaches at Clinton (S.C.) Elementary School and Jason is executive director of the South Carolina Teacher Advancement Program.

■ **Jeff Mullins** and **Amelia Wagner**, July 16. They live in Morgantown, W.Va.

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Next reunion in 2010

Julia Bales is employed by About Golf, a golf simulation company in Beijing, China. She is the development manager

for the Beijing division of golf course digitization and development. ■ **Brent Hughes Wales Blankenship** is a brokerage assistant with Morgan Keegan & Co. in Memphis, Tenn. ■ **Lauren Ruth Brown** of St. Simons Island, Ga., is beach club supervisor with the Sea Island Company. ■ **Ellie Bye**

is a second grade teacher at Cherrydale Elementary School in Greenville and is pursuing her master's degree in elementary education at Furman. ■ **Caitlin Rose Caldwell** of Hoschton, Ga., is a project engineer with Ordner Construction. ■ **Richard Chewning** works as environmental

educator with the Jekyll Island (Ga.) 4-H Center. ■ **Tina Denmark** of Loganville, Ga., is a solutions delivery consultant with the Cerner Corporation. ■ **Kathleen Head** is coordinator of "All Things Important" with The Cohesion Group in Macon, Ga. ■ **Anna Kathryn Kirby** is an associate instructor in Spanish at Indiana University. ■ **Elizabeth Marie Mobley** is employed by Southcoast Community Bank in Charleston, S.C. ■ **Melissa Morgan** has become a sales guide with Land Rover of Greenville. ■ **Michael Olson** works in operations with Supreme Machined Products in Jiangsu Province, China. ■ **Kate Sakolosky** is a physical therapy aide at Sibley Hospital in Washington, D.C. ■ **Nathan Searle** lives in Greenville and is employed as operations manager with Montalvo Enterprises. ■ In August, **Josh Simmons**, an officer in the U.S. Army, was assigned to the Uniformed Services University at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. He is studying medicine and expects to graduate in 2009. ■ **Briton Paul Sparkman** of Hempstead, N.Y., is a student at Hofstra University School of Law. ■ **Elizabeth Welden** is employed by Brasfield & Gorrie in Atlanta. ■ **Jodi Tovay** lives in New York City where she is employed by MTV Networks. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **William Christopher Cox** and **Elizabeth Anne Ferree**, August 6. Chris attends the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University. They live in Atlanta. ■ **Frances Kathryn Mercer** and **Paul Cahill**, August 6. They live in Atlanta. ■ **Elizabeth Mills** and **Josh Smith**, August 14. They live in Decatur, Ga.

DEATHS

Mary Parker Piephoff Chapman '26, November 20, Atlanta. She worked in the alumni office at Agnes Scott College and taught in the DeKalb County schools.

William Graham Cale, Sr. '29, September 22, Florence, Ala. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and after the war was a naval reserve officer.

Woodrow Wilson Wakefield '34, September 2, Greenville. He was associated with Duke Power Company for 34 years until his retirement in 1974. The Greenville chapter of the Duke Power Company Retiree Club selected him as its 1988 Retiree of the Year for his voluntary participation in church and civic activities. He was a member of the Greenville Downtown Lions Club for 41 years and was the longtime chair of the South Carolina Lions Eye Bank Committee. He was also a member of the South Carolina Lions Hall of Fame.

Martha Frances Morgan '35, September 11, Greenville. She was an educator in Greenville County Schools and taught English and Latin. She and her sister, Elizabeth, established the Morgan Meditation Garden at Furman in memory of their parents. She was active in many community and civic organizations.

William Demos Jordan '40, March 12, Greenville. He was retired from Sullivan Hardware Co. and also worked for many years at Cleveland Street YMCA. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Dan Felder Beckman '43, November 26, Chapin, S.C. He was the last survivor of the original South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) agents and was trainer of the first SLED bloodhound team. He was awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor a South Carolinian can receive. He was a past secretary of the S.C. Law Enforcement Officers Association, was a 123rd degree Mason, and was an avid supporter of the Shriners Hospital, serving as provost for three Potentates. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Paul M. Sizemore, Sr. '43, August 30, Unionville, Va. A three-time All-America football player and former coach at Furman, he also coached at Virginia Tech and, from 1952 to 1983, at Orange County High School. He was active in the Virginia High School League and was a member of the league's Hall of Fame. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of the Orange American Legion Post #156.

William Arthur Boyce '44 (honorary LL.D. '69), November 9, Columbia, S.C. He was a longtime administrator with South Carolina Baptist Hospital, eventually serving as president and chief executive officer of S.C. Baptist Hospitals, Inc. He retired as president emeritus in 1987. The W.A. Boyce Professional Office Building in Columbia was named in his honor. He was a recipient of the Anderson College Achievement Award and was recognized by the state General Assembly for his years of service to S.C. Baptist Hospitals. He was a trustee of the American Protestant Hospital Association and a charter member of the American Association of Hospital Accountants. He held membership and leadership positions in a number of other medical associations, as well as in the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce and Columbia Sertoma Club.

Wayne Henry Chapman '45, November 17, Greenville. He was retired from Duke Power and was a member of the Greenville Lions Club. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

James Foy '45, October 6, Greenville. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and was retired from Janitor Supply and Chemical. He was a charter member of the Pleasantburg Lions Club and was in the Upstate Seniors Golf Association.

Jean Evelyn Craig '46, May 16, Bedford, Texas. She was a retired social worker.

Margaret Randle Richardson Gullede '46, September 3, Sumter, S.C.

George William "Booker" Turner '47, Everglades City, Fla. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he was vice president for research and development in converted packaging materials for Arnold Cellophane Corporation of Miami.

Dorothy McClenaghan Hamlin '48, December 1, 2004, Norcross, Ga. She was retired from J.C. Penney Co. (Northlake) as a sales associate in the bridal department.

Kenneth Lee Heatherly '48, October 17, Naples, Fla. After service in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, he was an executive with the Chrysler Corp. for more than 35 years and continued in corporate consulting until his death.

G.F. "Francis" Huntley '48 (M.A. '51), November 5, Fairview, N.C. Following service in the Army Air Corps during World War II and completion of his education, he was a high school principal and taught and coached at several schools in the Carolinas.

Wayne Dennis Taylor '48, September 12, Greenville. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was an educator, having been an assistant principal at Welcome High School, principal of Welcome Elementary School and Tanglewood Middle School, and director of adult education with the Greenville County School District. He was active in statewide adult education organizations and was a longtime board member of the Greenville Federal Credit Union.

James Leon "Jim" Burgess, Jr. '49, October 18, Florence, S.C. He was a dealer relations manager with GMAC for 42 years and was a Navy veteran of World War II.

William Evans '49, December 2, Greenville. He flew B-17s as a navigator in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was the lone survivor of a nine-man crew whose plane went down over England. He worked 28 years with Liberty Life Insurance Company as treasurer and then as senior vice president with USLICO in Washington, D.C., until he retired. He was a certified financial planner and a fellow in the Institute of Life Office Management Association.

Robert Jackson '49, October 14, Martinsburg, W.Va. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, after which he worked as a chiropractor for more than 50 years and served as president of the West Virginia Chiropractic Association. He was a member of Good News Gospel Singers and Lazy River Band.

John Hudson Kirkland, Jr. '50, October 19, Greenwood, S.C. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II as a B-29 radar navigator-bombardier, flying with the 468th General Billy Mitchell Bomb Group, the most decorated bomb group during World War II. He received a number of military awards, including a Distinguished Flying Cross. He attended dental school and practiced dentistry in Greenwood for 35 years. He served as chief of the dental staff at Self Memorial Hospital and was an organizer and former director of the Greenwood Medical Center. He was past president of the Greenwood County Dental Association and former member of the board of the Piedmont District Dental Association. He was a former director of the Greenwood Shrine Club, past director and international director of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and member of American Legion Post # 20.

Harry Chalk '54, November 18, West Columbia, S.C. He was an Army veteran of World War II, after which he went into the ministry. He served Baptist churches in South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana.

Thomas Mitchell Drake '55, September 28, Hilton Head Island, S.C. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. He taught political science at Furman and at West Virginia University and was a liaison with the College of the Virgin Islands. He retired from the West Virginia State Supreme Court Law Library.

Charles Egbert Beall '56, October 28, Palm Beach, Fla. After earning his J.D. degree from Stetson Law School, he became a member of the Florida Bar Association. He practiced law in Palm Beach with his father before becoming the corporate lawyer for West India Shipping and moving to Brazil, where he remained for 22 years. He served in the U.S. Army Tank Corps.

Robert Henry Freeland '56, September 13, Gray Court, S.C. He was an airman first class in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He served as a Baptist minister for 45 years and was active in mission outreach for 10 years, primarily in Brazil.

Kenneth Riley Moss '56, November 4, Knoxville, Tenn. A U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict, he was retired from the insurance industry and most recently from AFLAC.

Arthur Hardy Smith '57, September 9, North Charleston, S.C. He was minister at Sauldam Baptist Church in Ravenel, S.C., for 21 years and served several other churches in the South Carolina Lowcountry. He was in the U.S. Navy during World War

II and was on the Minister's Board at Charleston Southern University.

William Fletcher Rochester, Jr. '58, November 15, Williamston, S.C. He was a Baptist minister for 40 years, including senior pastorates in Statenville, Ga., Greenville and Townville, S.C. He also served several upstate South Carolina churches as associate pastor and interim pastor. He was in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

Miriam Louise Loftis Joner '62, August 26, Greenville. She had been employed with North Greenville College and was active with Greenville Christian Fellowship.

Elizabeth Jane Boyce Galloway, M.A. '63, November 2, Williamston, S.C. Her teaching career spanned more than 40 years, including more than 10 years as a teacher and reading consultant in Anderson (S.C.) County School District 1. She taught on the collegiate level at Furman, Clemson University and Erskine College and worked for the South Carolina Department of Education. She served as consultant and chair for Southern Association of Colleges and Schools evaluations, was a member of Triple E Writing Committee, and was president of the State International Reading Association. She published material for the Scott Foresman Publishing Co., contributed numerous articles to educational journals, and conducted workshops for various teaching organizations.

Monroe "Coach" Northcutt, M.A. '67, October 31, Victoria, Texas. He served as an athletic trainer in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war he completed his undergraduate education and coached at high schools in Corpus Christi, Texas, before moving to Victoria College. He was awarded the National Junior College Coaching Award at Victoria in 1973 and retired

from the school in 1984. He was a member of the Victoria County Retired Teachers and the Texas Ex-Students Association.

Samuel "Sammy" Tilton Kirby III '72, September 21, Vance, S.C.

Grace India Simmons, M.A. '72, June 30, Fairmount, Ill.

Leon James '81, October 10, Sackets Harbor, N.Y. While serving in Baghdad as a regimental commander, he suffered injuries in a September 26 road attack. He died at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery. He enlisted in the Army in 1982 and trained to be an infantryman, then received his commission in Field Artillery in 1985 after completing Officers Candidate School. He served stateside assignments at Fort Campbell and Fort Knox in Kentucky, Fort Sill, Okla., Fort Gordon, Ga., and Fort Drum, N.Y. Overseas he served in South Korea, Bosnia, Kuwait and Iraq. In Kuwait he worked as a military observer and as the senior operations officer for the United Nations Iraq and Kuwait Observer Mission. Among his commendations and awards were the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Assault Badge and Parachutist Badge. While in secondary school, he became the youngest Eagle Scout in the state of Massachusetts. He was a member of the board of Sackets Harbor Memorial Library and the Field Artillery Association.

Melanie Knight Wright '88, November 20, Cumming, Ga. She had been employed by Optio Software as a technical writer and received several awards for her work. She also worked with her husband in his optometry practice.

The right channels

The power — and the value — of networking, Furman style

Los Angeles, California — home of the infamous world of Hollywood. It is a ruthless city, more than 2,000 miles from the comfort of the Furman bubble, that brings rejection every step of the way and where everyone is, was or would like to be entertainment's next big star.

Such a competitive environment hardly seems the place for an inexperienced newcomer, fresh from the supportive atmosphere of the Furman campus, to succeed at becoming an actor, executive producer or director.

For one young Furman alumnus, though, passion and dedication fueled his desire to break into this seemingly impenetrable world, and with the help of his Furman connections and the power of networking, his dreams of an acting career are coming true.

When Anderson Reid Gormly graduated from Furman in 2004 with a degree in communication studies, he resolved to go wherever he needed in order to have the greatest opportunity for success. This dream took him to Los Angeles.

After four years of life in the bubble, one might think that moving to a city of more than 10 million people would be somewhat daunting. However, having survived Furman's intense academic regimen, Reid, like so many other alumni, felt invincible. With the support of his family and friends and the resources of the Furman alumni network at his fingertips, he made the leap with confidence.

He also quickly discovered that, as with any other career, who you know is often more important than anything else. So he immediately set out to meet with everyone he knew in the industry — including me.

After graduating in 2003, I had taken my communication studies degree and moved to Los Angeles to pursue a job as a television producer. Having worked in Furman's Office of Career Services for two years under John Barker, I had witnessed firsthand the power of networking and quickly learned how valuable it could be to my success.

Like so many others, I was drawn to the entertainment industry because it would allow me the freedom to be creative while offering an outlet to have a powerful voice. I took the tools I acquired at Furman and set off to pursue my dream of becoming a producer.

Soon after arriving in LA, I used my networking skills to land a job at Reveille, a television production and development company, working directly under the executive vice president of creative affairs. This job has provided me the opportunity to develop, sell and produce such shows as NBC's "The Office" and "The Biggest Loser," Bravo's "Blow Out," USA's "Nashville Star" and FX's "30 Days."

While working on these shows, I quickly learned that a key element to their success is casting, and that finding the right talent starts with getting the right people to audition. Auditions are coveted because, while they can always provide that one big break that kick-starts an actor's career, they also help a performer establish relationships with network executives, agents, managers, casting directors and producers.

After reconnecting with Reid, I knew he had a long road ahead. I also sensed that one day we would work together. However, I had no idea it would happen so quickly.

One meeting led to another, and eventually I arranged an informal meeting between Reid and Teri Weinberg, our vice president of casting and scripted development. Although this was just an introductory interview, it proved to be a vital part of the networking process for Reid, as he gained valuable face time and rapport with a casting executive. He also got his head shot into our system, instead of in the nearest trash can.

Eight months later, I called Reid to let him know that, at my suggestion, Teri had submitted his name for a part on "The Office" that I knew would be perfect for him. At that point, I had done all I could. Reid had his foot in the door; the rest was up to him.



Reid Gormly (left) and Chad Bennett celebrate Reid's "Office" work.

He auditioned, and sure enough, he was offered a small feature role on the November 22 episode titled "Email Surveillance." The role not only gave him prime-time exposure, but it enabled him to earn his Screen Actors Guild card — a milestone for any aspiring actor, since most agents and casting directors insist that you have your card before they will work with you. Because of this opportunity, many doors will now open for Reid.

This experience also opened both our eyes to the realization that, by supporting our fellow alumni, we help to better Furman and each other. Reid and I are proof that you can trust the Furman network to help you pursue the career and life that you have always dreamed of.

Now go call a Paladin!

— Chad Bennett '03